

Dan Harris

To: Katie Crerar
Subject: RE: Feedback - CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2017 15:52

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Feedback - CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation

FAO:

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Many thanks for the invitation to provide feedback views on the CNP local Development Plan 2020 Main Issues Report & Big Park Questions.

Over the past five years Leonard Grassick & I have been involved with the Chair & Members of the Granttown-on-Spey & Vicinity Community Council (GonS&VCC), reference the proposed NHS Highland closure of the Ian Charles Hospital (& St Vincent's Hospital), which is a decision, that many in the local Badenoch & Strathspey communities consider to be in direct conflict, with two of the Park's four statutory aims for Scottish National Parks. Namely:

- To conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area.
- To promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities.

Whilst we appreciate that the NHS Highland budgets are under pressure, I trust that the CNPA is fully aware that:

- There is an ongoing NHS Scotland crisis throughout Scotland, which is having an adverse impact on the care of the aged & those in need of palliative care, and which it is entirely predictable, may subsequently well get considerably worse, and have unfavourable consequences ref the social development of the Park's communities, bearing in mind the massive future developments in the park, like the An Camus Mor 1,500 house development, which I understand is being supported by the CNPA.
- NHS Highland would appear to still be in a state of **“Complete Denial”** as to why MSP's and local people throughout the Highlands and Islands are actively; concerned, protesting, challenging, marching, attending rallies, making speeches, and engaging with the national & local news media, reference their fears on the “downgrading of local health services”.

Having used the “Search” function to identify any reference to hospitals in the CNP Main Issues Report, it found:

- **1st Attachment** Granttown-on-Spey; Future development of the hospital for uses that benefit the community.

- **2nd Attachment** Aviemore; ED2 (south of Dalfaber Industrial Estate) amended to a new allocation for community uses (proposed new hospital site).

NHS Hospital Services – CNPA Letter’s dated 29.08.2016 & 17.07.2014

In the **3rd Attachment** The CNPA advised that in their letter dated 29.08.2016, the CNPA were consulted on the proposed relocation of hospital services, and also provided a copy their CNPA letter to NHS Highland dated 17.07.2014, ref the future modernisation of community and hospital services in Badenoch & Strathspey, which outlined that:

- *Where there is a **“conflict”** between the collective delivery of the four statutory aims for Scottish National Parks as set out by the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, The Act requires that greater weight is given to conserving and enhancing the natural and **“cultural”** heritage.*

National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 Section 9 General purpose and functions of National Park Authorities – Reference Conflict Issues

Please note the:

- **4th & 5th Attachments** National press articles which provide ample confirmation by “Democratically Elected MSP’s” that there is considerable conflict throughout the Highlands & in the Park today, reference much cherished NHS cottage hospitals and other assets, some of which over the last century, have most certainly accrued considerable amounts of “Cultural Heritage”.
- **6th Attachment** A press article in which “Democratically Elected” Edward Mountain MSP called on the NHS Highland Board to resign.

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There is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of many living in the Park and its local Highland communities, which includes both MSP’s & various Highland Councillors, that post the advice the CNPA gave to NHS highland in its letter dated 17.07.2014, that:

- The NHS Highland overall situation throughout the Highlands and in the Park, has changed dramatically since 2014, and that many Park residents are becoming increasingly concerned.
- The retention and provision of NHS Highland Cottage Hospitals and other assets is of such paramount importance throughout all the Highlands & the Park, and that this is such a “high profile” subject, that it is worthy of being suitable for inclusion, in the Park’s Main Issues Report.

Best Way Ahead

I suggest that it is in the interests of all concerned, if at the earliest opportunity the CNPA would give this subject further thought, and provide local communities and our “Democratically Elected” MSP’s & Badenoch & Strathspey Councillors, with feedback on this issue. So that **“where and if”** considered appropriate, on an individual basis, they can make consider making representations on behalf of their constituents, to the Scottish Parliament and NHS Highland, prior to the CNP Local Development Plan 2020 Main Issues Report being published.

If the above request cannot be met by the CNPA, we would appreciate if all of the addressees copied in this email, could be advised accordingly, say by 31 December 2017 at the latest.

Yours most sincerely

Leonard Grassick



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Kelsey Tainsh MBE



Kirsty Mackenzie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2017 16:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Feedback - CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation - Joined-up rail routes around the Cairngorm National Park - The Times article Titled: Derelict rail lines will reopen to tackle overcrowding crisis
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Please see the attached Times article titled: Derelict rail lines will reopen to tackle overcrowding crisis dated Wed 29th November 2017.

I understand that the Secretary of State for Transport vision includes a number of changes to **bring train and track together**: a new partnership between the train operator and **Network Rail on the East Coast**, the next **East Midlands franchise** will be operated by a joint track and train team under an alliance, and the new **South Eastern franchise** will be headed by a new Alliance Director, with a joint team responsible for the day to day operation.

From 2020 the Secretary of State has confirmed a new **East Coast Partnership** will be introduced; the first of a new generation of long term regional partnerships bringing together the operation of track and train under a joint venture.

It makes complete sense to bring the operation of the track and train together, so everyone involved in the running of the railway works together with the same goal: a reliable, punctual customer & vacationer experience.

Over many years Sir Brian Souter (*who I understand enthusiastically & financially supports Scotland & especially the creation of new jobs for the young*) the founder of Stagecoach Group PLC, has championed a more integrated and customer-focused railway, a model which has since been rolled out in **Scotrail**.

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This may be an opportunity to try and realise, the nostalgic memories of one of Scotland's most scenic steam railway lines, to the benefit of the Park & North East Scotland.

Kelsey Tainsh MBE

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Kirsty Mackenzie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2017 10:17
To: Katie Crerar
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Feedback - CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation - Joined-up rail routes around the Cairngorm National Park - The Times article Titled: Derelict rail lines will reopen to tackle overcrowding crisis

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Please see email below from B&S Highland Councillor Bill Lobban in support of old rail lines being brought back into customer, commercial & tourist use.

Many people consider that the demise of GonS Rail system as a result of the Beeching cuts – Has subsequently resulted in the ongoing demise of GonS.

Some form of “Circular Rail” system around the Park – which also linked GonS to the Forres & Elgin line – May well be the “Futuristic” way forward – be it via a “Standard or Narrow” gauge rail track system.

I suggest that there is certainly room for some "**Futuristic Thinking**" by the CNPA Board, reference the creation of a "Park Rail Network" – Which also encompasses the benefits associated with tomorrow's; cyber-innovations, robotics, space & artificial intelligence.

Yours most sincerely

Kelsey Tainsh MBE
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Lobban - Member [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 6:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Feedback - CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation - Joined-up rail routes around the Cairngorm National Park - The Times article Titled: Derelict rail lines will reopen to tackle overcrowding crisis

Kelsey,

Not often we seem to agree these days but in this case I believe you've hit the nail on the head. The SSR is of vital economic importance to Strathspey and I would fully support any efforts to bring the existing railway into Grantown not just as an albeit important tourist attraction but also for the provision of a regular scheduled Aviemore / Grantown rail link.

Regards
Bill

Cllr Bill Lobban

Convener of the Highland Council

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From: "[REDACTED]"

Date: 29 Nov 2017, 4:40 p.m.

To: 'Katie Crerar' [REDACTED]k

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Kelsey Tainsh MBE

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From: Katie Crerar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 2:51 PM
To: '[REDACTED]'
Subject: CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation

Sent on behalf of David Berry

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020: MAIN ISSUES REPORT CONSULTATION

The Cairngorms National Park Authority has started preparing its next Local Development Plan (LDP). This new LDP will direct development within the Cairngorms National Park for the period 2020-2025 and into the longer term

As you responded to our earlier 'call for sites and ideas' process, I am writing to inform you that we have now published a Main Issues Report for public consultation. The Main Issues Report seeks views on the big issues that the new Local Development Plan will need to address and the options for tackling them. It sets out choices for the land allocations that could be made for development, and for policies that will be used to make future decisions on applications for planning permission.

The Main Issues Report, along with a series of supporting documents, is available to view on our website at

www.cairngorms.co.uk/consultation/MIR<<http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/consultation/MIR>>.

Copies of the documents can also be viewed during normal opening hours in all public libraries within the National Park, as well as our offices at the above address.

Your comments are invited on the Main Issues Report and any of the associated supporting documents. Comments should be submitted by 5pm on Friday 2 March 2018.

Comments should preferably be submitted using the response form available online or at the deposit locations listed above. The response form can be completed online, or printed and returned to planning@cairngorms.co.uk<<mailto:planning@cairngorms.co.uk>> or Cairngorms National Park Authority, FREEPOST NAT 21454, Grantown-on-Spey, PH26 3BR.

You may also be interested to know that we will be hosting a series of public consultation events about the Main Issues Report during January and February 2018. These will be taking place in locations throughout the National Park. You can find full details of times and venues for these events on our website.

We look forward to hearing any views you may have. In the meantime, if you have any queries about the Main Issues Report consultation, please feel free to contact a member of the planning policy team using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

David Berry

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You can find our Planning Service Charter

here<<http://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/publications/30042015/CNPAPaper.1966.Planning%20Service%20Charter.pdf>>.

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Kirsty Mackenzie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2017 14:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust + CNPA Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report consultation - Joined-up rail routes around the Cairngorm National Park
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Please find the attached copy, of what I am advised is a personalised copy, of one of “Sir Brian Souter’s Business Cards”.

This Card was recently given to me by a colleague, who also suggested that if the “Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust”, has not already tried to contact Sir Brian. That it may be in the best interests of all concerned, to consider contacting Sir Brian’s Secretary Rhona Gray, on a “Joined-up & Interest” basis, to see if Sir Brian could assist with the Trusts future plans and financial requirements, for the proposed extension(s) of the “Strathspey Steam Railway” in the Park.

Note the following extracts from:

- Stagecoach founder Sir Brian Souter to help young entrepreneurs August 19 2017, 12:01am, **The Times** <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/stagecoach-founder-sir-brian-souter-to-help-young-entrepreneurs-ps0s8kjs7> Sir Brian Souter, the founder of Stagecoach and Scotland’s most successful global business operator, is to launch a UK-wide campaign to help turn around the country’s economy by stimulating a new generation of entrepreneurs. Appointed three months ago as president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (Icas), Sir Brian intends to harness the skills of the institute’s 20,000 members to offer a “ladder up” to young people keen to start their own companies but lacking the resources or opportunities to do so.
- SATURDAY INTERVIEW Sir Brian Souter: bean-counter who built bus empire aims to help others achieve success Sir Brian Souter, global entrepreneur, is setting his sights on helping the next generation August 19 2017, 12:01am, **The Times** <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/interview-sir-brian-souter-bean-counter-who-built-bus-empire-aims-to-help-others-achieve-success-njf76bqnr> also outlines Sir Brians wish to help Scotland’s economy & to create jobs for the young.

Yours most sincerely

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Tel: [REDACTED]

From: BASIL DUNLOP [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 10:02 PM

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Subject: UK rail policy

Hi Kelsey,

This is my second attempt! I am having absurd problems with my 1 year old computer - I composed an email to you, copied to the others on your list of recipients, pressed send, and from responses from the others they received a blank. Anyway.....

Thanks for copying me your recent email to Katie Crerar re the feedback on the CNP Local Development Plan and UK Rail Network, and the announcement from Chris Grayling, Transport Secretary, on his policy to restore lines closed by Beeching. I asked Gavin if he was doing an article this week on this in the Strathy considering the Strathspey Railway's attempts to restore rail services to Grantown to boost local and Highland tourism and the local economy, but he suggested instead I write a letter.

Your continuing support is very helpful and much appreciated.

Best Wishes

Basil

Director,
Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust